(KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The National Literacy Mission which was launched in May, 1988, aims at imparting functional literacy to 80.00 million adult illiterates in the 15—34 age-group by 1995. No year-wise targets have been laid down under the Mission.

(b) According to the reports received so far, an estimated 35.75 million persons have been made literate.

(c) The expression 'Total Literacy' does not signify a hundred percent literacy in terms of coverage of all the age-groups of the entire district population.

So far, the Total Literacy Campaigns have concluded in 78 districts which have entered the Post Literacy Phase.

NO ADMISSION IN PRIVATE ENGINEERING COLLEGES

3369. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that private engineering colleges in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have decided to stop admissions this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government so as to enable aspiring students to join engineering courses in these aforesaid states ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

SEXUAL ABUSE BY TEACHERS OF JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, FATEHPURI, PATIALA IN PUNJAB

3370. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that recently some students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Fatehpuri Distt., Patiala of Punjab came under sexual abuse by teachers;

(b) whether students were allured by feeding 'poppy-husk' and also by making spirit to be drunk;

(c) whether any investigation was made in the matter; and

(d) what action has been taken against the guilty ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (d) An enquiry into the incident revealed the involvement of one teacher against whom an FIR was lodged leading to his arrest and subsequent suspension from the school. Since the teacher was on deputation to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti from the Food Corporation of India, he has also been repatriated back to that organisation with request to take disciplinary action. The Principal of the Vidyalaya is also under orders of transfer.

DISTRICT PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

3371. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the District Primary Education Programme, currently covering 43 districts all over the